

ABSTRACT

An object of the present invention is to provide
 5 an ink compositions which, when used with an ink jet
 recording apparatus, can realize excellent ink ejection
 stability while maintaining safety and satisfactory
 penetration of ink. The ink composition according to the
 present invention comprises at least a colorant, a
 10 humectant, a glycol monoether as a penetrating agent, a
 1,2-alkanediol, and water, the weight ratio of the
 glycol monoether to the 1,2-alkanediol being in the
 range of 1 : 5 to 5 : 1. According to another aspect of
 the present invention, there is provided an ink
 15 composition comprising at least a pigment, a dispersant
 for dispersing the pigment, a 1,2-alkanediol, and water
 as a main solvent, the content of the 1,2-alkanediol
 being 0.5 to 10% by weight based on the total amount of
 the ink composition.